



AT COMMUNION ON VISION HILL

I saw the edge of the world tonight as I sat with the Pilgrims on Vision Hill
The sun was setting in the distant west,
And in the east pastel shades of pink were changing to a bluish grey
In the south the Cross of all Ages sat upon rocks that were of the ages.
There was a man speaking and he said "This is a place of remembrance."
Others had been there before and they did remember.
But I was new, and the things that I remembered were different.
I remembered the Master who had walked in distant places
So that I might walk in these places.
And I was satisfied that somehow He remembered me.
Yes! I saw the edge of the world tonight as I sat on Vision Hill
And the things I saw in the distant haze were things that God alone has made.
And I knew as I listened to nature's sounds,
That the Love of God around us abounds.

—by Steve Williams—1948

CONGREGATIONAL KANSAS

MAY 1953

In Memory

The Rev. U. Seth Tabor, retired Congregational minister of Kansas City, Kansas died on Easter Sunday, April 5, 1953 at the age of 83 years. Mr. Tabor started his ministry in Kentucky in 1891. He had ministered to the Central Congregational Church in Kansas City, Kansas and the Chelsea Congregational Church which merged to form Kansas City First Pilgrim. The Tabor's were member of our Welborn Church. Mrs. Tabor survives him at their home in Kansas City.

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Chain Reaction of Love

We know about the contrast between the great strides of mankind's advance in scientific knowledge and the snail-like pace of moral and spiritual advance. Can there be any hope of love subduing the world before an atomic war reduces our planet to ashes? The scientists have described a "chain reaction" a progressive disintegration of atoms from one element to another. But may not this idea suggest another outcome to men of faith? If God has ordained that a chain reaction of atoms is possible may he not ordain that the power of love may produce a chain reaction. If Christians could work toward this possibility, might there not be a melting of human hearts and conversion of human ways to Christ?

by Reuben R. Trickey
K.C. Welborn Visitor.

Gorham Church Dedication

The Church building at Gorham which was moved in from the country and has been in the process of being

remodeled for some months was dedicated at a formal service on May 10.

Sup't. L. M. Rymph brought the message at the 9:30 service. "Open House" was held during the afternoon and a fellowship supper was followed by a brief worship service with neighboring pastors and people as guests.

The Rev. Hans Poppe deserves much credit for the development of this new church. Starting with a handful of interested people meeting in a store building the church now has more than 100 loyal members. In remodeling the building much labor has been given by the members and the result is a lovely sanctuary with fellowship hall and kitchen in the basement. Twenty one new members were received on Palm Sunday.

Schmidts to Haven

In early summer the Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Schmidt will move to Haven. They have been serving there since last fall but have lived at Whitewater where Mrs. Schmidt has taught kindergarten. She will teach in the new school building at Haven next year. Twelve new members were received at Easter time and lovely music was furnished by three choirs.

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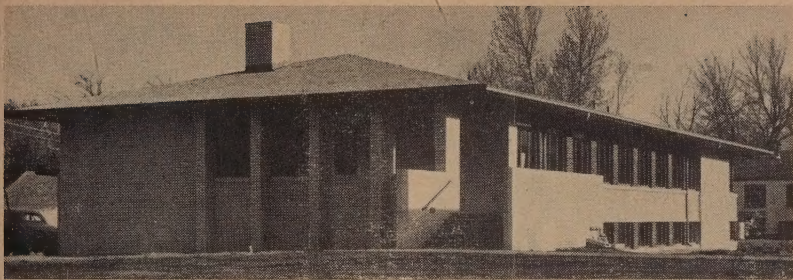
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Wichita Fairmount Dedicates

Dedication of the new Religious Education Building at Fairmount Church in Wichita took place on Sunday, April 26. The new \$75,000.00 structure is located directly across the street from the church sanctuary at 16th and Fairmount. Architects designing this contemporary structure were Thomas and Harris. Soderburg Construction Company were contractors and builders. Building Committee members were Robert Branson, Chairman, Morris Beckman, Paul Keller, Keith Thompson, Mr. Gordon Jones, Mrs. Jack Vanderlip and Rolland Allison. Mr. T. A. Howell was chairman of the Finance Committee, assisted by Sam Hawes, Ed Dorsett, L. W. Dillman, Wayne Tjaden, Guy Gebhardt and Melvin McDonald. The Rev. George Fisk, Minister, deserves much credit in guiding the project to its completion.

Festivities began with a Church School worship service directed by Mr. Ed Dorsett, Sup't. Later in the day each department met in their new rooms for a short dedication. Sup't L. M. Rymph former minister of the church brought the morning message. Two choirs brought added inspiration with special numbers appropriate to the occasion.

The noon basket luncheon was a joyous occasion of informal fellowship with the Rev. Floyd Q. Davidson bringing an inspirational message challenging the church to new advances fitting the added equipment.

Moderator George D. Wilner presided at the formal dedication which was held from the front steps of the new building. Sharing in this service were the Rev. Richard R. Zoppel and Mr. Steve Radley from Wichita Pilgrim and Dr. Walter H. Upton and Mr. John Rossel of Wichita Plymouth. A prayer by Mr. Fisk followed by a unison prayer by the congregation circling the building made a fitting close to the service.

Scouts and Cub Scouts in uniform added color to the occasion. Fairmount Church has long been a leader in quality of religious nurture given to the youth of this community. It is a pleasure to see their work undergirded with this lovely new building.

"In faith our fathers here did build an alter, by whose fire
 Their hearts were kindled and were filled to do thy world desire
 On sacred soil anew we rear another shrine to thee;
 Speak thou in love and draw thou near in noble majesty."

Theodore B. Lathrop.



Robert E. Gurtler

Pastoral Changes Maple Hill Extends Call

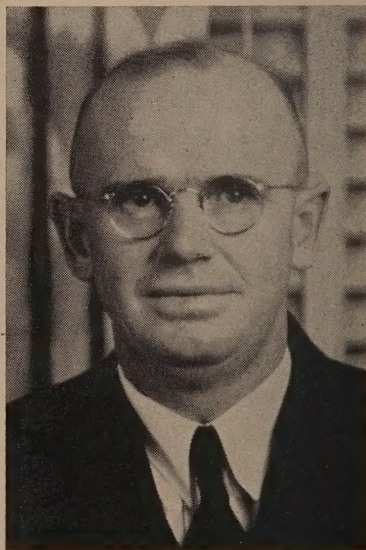
At a Congregational meeting at Maple Hill on April 12, the church voted unanimously to call the Rev. Robert E. Gurtler as pastor beginning June first when the Rev. Harald Wisegarver begins his new work at Smith Center following his graduation at Washburn University. Mr. Gurtler will give part-time to the church while finishing his college work at Washburn University. Formerly at Lawrence, Mr. Gurtler is now living in Topeka where he is a member of The First Congregational Church. Since World War II he has had two stretches of Military Service; one in the European area and one in Japan. He has been active in church youth and choir work while in High School and University at Lawrence. He was granted a license by the Eastern Association in session at Wichita at State Conference time. Mr. and Mrs. Gurtler (Helen

Rymph Santner), Linda and Bobby will move to Maple Hill following a week at Wa-Shun-Ga Senior Camp.

Marshall's Leave Western Kansas

Following a seven year pastorate at Kinsley and Garfield, the Rev. Millard H. Marshall has accepted a call to Onaga and Wheaton beginning June 15. Mr. Marshall is a graduate of Northland College and Chicago Theological Seminary. He came to Kansas from Glendive, Montana; having served churches in Colorado, Utah and Wyoming.

The Marshall's will live in Onaga where the parsonage has been completely remodeled. The Marshall's have three children — Bill who is a Junior at K.U., Laurel Anne who is graduating from High School this spring and Elaine who is eleven. Their new location will be more convenient to Lawrence where young Bill is a member of the KU football squad.



Millard H. Marshall



Charles M. Correll

Educator, Author, Churchman

Kansas Congregationalism is indeed fortunate to have in its ranks a man so capable and so willing as Mr. Charles M. Correll as the author of "A Century of Congregationalism In Kansas". Born in Wooster, Ohio he came to Kansas with his parents in 1883 and lived on a farm in Osage County in the community of the Ridgeway Church. He came to Manhattan in 1894 and graduated from Kansas State College in 1900. After advanced work at the University of Chicago where he received his Ph.D. degree in 1908, he taught in North Dakota.

Mr. Correll joined the faculty of Kansas State College in 1922 as a member of the staff of the History Department; he became Professor Emeritus and College Historian in 1950. He joined the Congregational

Church of Manhattan in 1897 and returned to it in 1922. While in North Dakota he was Sunday School Superintendent for eleven years. His six children are all graduates of K.S.C.

On a purely voluntary basis, he has spent more than two years in research and study to give to our fellowship a story of these one hundred eventful years of Congregationalism in Kansas.

The book, 208 pages, is now at the printers and Dr. Walter H. Upton, Chairman of the Centennial Committee, reports that quotas have been underwritten by many of our churches.

Every Congregational family in every church should have a copy of this graphic story.

"The Kansas Emigrant"

"They crossed the prairie, as of old
The fathers crossed the sea,
To make the West, as they the East
The homestead of the free.
Thy came to rear a wall of men
On freedom's northern line,
And plant beside the cotton tree
The rugged northern pine.
They came to plant the common school
On distant prairie swells
And give the Sabbaths of the wild
The music of her bells."

(Whittier)

A New Record Available

"Let There be Light — A Time to Build" is a new record available at the Conference office on the Church Building Loan Fund. Plan to use it at a Church Night dinner soon.

Roten's to Concordia

The Rev. and Mrs. W. O. Roten who have served our Wheaton church for the past four years, moved to Concordia the first of May, where they are giving leadership in a Rest Home.

Kansas Women's Department

Mrs. E. C. Garrison, President

Eastern Association

The Workshop held in the Seaman Community Church on March 17, with Mrs. Judson Fiebiger as guest speaker, proved to be both inspirational and beneficial to approximately one hundred members of Eastern Association who shared this day together.

To worship in this church, so beautifully redecorated since the flood of 1951, was an inspiration in itself, for here are evidenced the fruits of faith, love and sacrifice in addition to endless hours of labor. Reverend and Mrs. Dull, who have served this church through these years were a source of strength and helpfulness in this meeting as they have ever been in their community.

Reports of benefits from this session are good.

What do YOU wish for our Workshop next year? General helps and inspiration? Specifics on program building? Devotional service, service projects on national, state and local levels? Let us know.

No limit to women's service in the church: "Groups of the Women's Guild at Kansas City Welborn, paid their pledges in the amount of \$1208.00 and ended 1952 with a balance of \$1465.81. Of this \$300.00 will be retained in the Guild treasury and \$1165.81 will form the nucleus for a fund to purchase new carpeting in the sanctuary. The Guild pledge is used for the Mission Fund Retirement Loan, flower fund and general expenses. Two larger purchases made in 1952 include two electric ovens and a guest book and registration desk in oak, placed in the foyer of the church."

Eastern Association Reporting

34 active women's fellowships
264 attendance at State and Association meetings.
77% use Guide Book
75% use Guide Post
44% use Program Packets
92% meet service quotas
50% have additional service projects
90% give to Woman's Gift
70% give to Memorial Fund
60% give to O.C.W.M.
This is good! How great would be woman's influence if we all worked together in dedicating ourselves to the following:

I Shall Dedicate Myself

"This is My Church. It is composed of people like me. It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do a great work, if I work. It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I bring them. It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, if I who make it is, am filled with these. Therefore, I dedicate myself to the task of being what I want my church to be."

—From Westminster Messenger

—Vivian Rutter (Mrs. W. W.)

Eastern President

Over the Top

For the Woman's Gift Fund for the year ending April 15, 1953 a total of \$4,194.49 was received. The goal was \$3,700.00. This fund is divided equally between projects in the state, across the nation and around the world. Mrs. James, Chairman deserves congratulations.

In Memory

As evidence of the love and respect of those who knew them, the following names have been added to the Women's Department Memorial Roll of Honor.

Mrs. Georgia M. Clark

Mrs. Lydia Elizabeth Wright

By Wichita Fairmount Woman's Guild

Mrs. Grace Graham

Mrs. Bernice Moser

Mrs. Mary Dickenson

Mrs. Elizabeth Althouse

Mrs. Gertrude Hughes

By Sabetha Woman's Fellowship

Mrs. Lavinia Smith

Mrs. Mona Frazee

Mrs. Rosa Marshall

Mrs. Laura Immenga

Mrs. Elma Jewell

Mrs. Minerva Ives

By Mt. Hope Federated

Woman's Fellowship

Mrs. John Schoonover

Mrs. Harry Sullivan

By Haven Mayflower Circle

Southern Tour

Mrs. E. C. Garrison spent two weeks following Easter, April 8 - 22 with a group on a Home Mission Study Tour. Stops included Merom, Indiana, Pembroke, Kentucky, Nashville, with visits to Fisk and Vanderbilt, Pleasant Hill and Uplands Sanatorium, Atlanta, Southern Union College at Wadley, Cotton Valley School at Tuskegee, Dillard and Flint Goodrich at New Orleans, Tugaloo, LeMoyné College at Memphis and the Delmo Project at Lilbourne, Missouri. She traveled with the Rev. and Mrs. Cyril M. Hicks of Denver. She will report more in detail in the June issue.

"Rejoicing in Our Task"

Themes

"The Life and Task of the Church
Around the World"

"Spanish Speaking Americans in the
U.S.A."

Goals for the Year

To further Our Christian World Mission by helping establish and strengthen the Committee on Missionary Education and Stewardship in every local church.

To deepen our spiritual life as individuals and as families.

To promote in every local church the showing of the feature film "The Hidden Heart" and the receiving of an offering for Our Christian World Mission.

To support in every possible way the Church Building Loan Fund Campaign.

Presidents and Program Chairmen, state and local, are urged to make these emphases a real part of all their planning and actual work of the year. As we work together in the Women's Fellowship and in the wider fellowship of the denomination at large, and in cooperation with other Christian bodies in the homeland and around the world, we make more possible "Thy Kingdom come." Attention is called to the 1953 emphasis of The National Council of Churches, "Christ Calls to Mission and Unity."

Women at Work

The women of the Plymouth Daughters of the Newton Church have a novel way of earning their pledge to the Church Building Fund. Since the death of the custodian, Mr. Joe Augusten, they have taken on the care of the church for several months.

Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship

Norcross Jones, President

Doris Ann Bonnell, Secretary



**Donna Seppala, Doane College
Guest leader for Senior Camp**

The Best Week Of Your Life

A host of new friends and new experiences

Some real living in God's outdoors
Hikes and eats and vesper hours
Older friends who share with us and
friends from around the world
Campfires and crafts —

There is a lot of fun during a week at Camp WaShunGa, but there is also a lot more than fun. Pilgrim Fellowshipippers from past years have said: "It was the best week of my life." "So many wonderful things happened at camp." You work, worship, play and learn together. WaShunGa because of its natural beauty provides a perfect setting for morning watch,

informal study and discussion periods, recreation (softball, swimming, boating) hikes, vespers, interest groups, singing, stunts and all the other activities that a summer camp includes. You will make new friends you will never forget. This year we will again have special guest leaders. Miss Donna Seppala, a Junior at Doane College, and former delegate to National Pilgrim Fellowship Council will be at senior camp and will assist with a Quest on "Christian Vocation". She lives at Edgemont, South Dakota and will spend the rest of the summer as a Student-Summer Service worker in South Dakota. Miss Shige Kagawa, niece of Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa of Japan, will be at both camps. She is a student at Hartford Seminary and will have a Quest and Trail on "Japan-World Friendship". If you wrap all this into one package and bind it up with the spirit of more than a hundred young people you will have the best week in the year — if not the best of your entire life.

Dates and Cost

Senior Camp is May 31-June 6; Junior High is June 7-13. The total cost, if advance registrations reach Topeka by May 22 is \$16.50. All late registrations will be \$17.50. See camp folder for other information.

Sabetha Enjoys Handel

Junior High's enjoyed a program presented by former sponsor, Marion Spencer. She told something about the life of Handel and played some of the recordings from the "Messiah". Some of the arias were sung for the group.



Barbara Bell, McPherson
Southern Association Secretary

Congratulations to Barbara for an excellent job of reporting news from Southern this past year. Barbara is looking forward to a busy summer. She will be a counselor for Junior High Camp and then go to Heidelberg, Ohio for training as a Youth Caravan team member.

Spring Rally Reports

Thirty-eight Western Pilgrims from Russell, Gorham, Garden City and Great Bend rallied at Great Bend April 25-26. Uncle Marvin Brown and Uncle Hans Poppe were featured speakers. There was a forum on "Use of Time" in addition to recreation at Fort Zarah 4-H Club House and good meals.

Haven PFers were hosts for over 100 Southern Pilgrims and sponsors April 24-25. The movie "Again Pioneers" was followed by an impressive worship and communion service by Uncle Steve Wil-

liams and the Emporia Junior Highs. Saturday's program included worship workshops on PF. programs, problems, etc., a camp skit by Wichita Plymouth, and Missionary Action reports. Kathy Wilson, Southern's President (recent cover girl on April 27 ADVANCE), Norky Jones, Uncle Louis Poppe and others did an excellent job of planning a fine rally.

Eastern Pilgrims had two rallies. On April 19 churches in the western part of the Association met at Maple Hill. 180 young people and sponsors participated in recreation, fellowship and worship. Milford presented camp sketches and Sabetha gave a Missionary Action skit. Don Wilbur, Manhattan, led group singing. Miss Helmstrud von Hagen, exchange student from Germany at Topeka High, told of school life there. An impressive worship service of rhythmic choir and choric reading was given by Topeka Central.

On April 26 Kansas City First Pilgrim were hosts to nearly 80 Pilgrims from Kansas City churches, Tonganoxie and Lawrence. Miss Barbara Schultz, another German exchange student gave an interesting talk of life in Germany. Congratulations to Uncle Harald Wisegarver, P.F. Sponsor, for handling arrangements for both rallies.

Easter Sunrise Services

52 friends and members of SEABROOK had a Sunrise Service on the site where their new church is to be erected soon. An impressive service was held in the shadow of an old rugged cross of rustic red cedar.

Mrs. J. D. Schmidt, Whitewater, spoke to HAVEN PFers at an Easter Sunrise breakfast on "The Meaning of Easter." Many other groups also observed Easter with Sunrise services.

Christian Education

Pauline Bloomer, Director

Echoes from the Workshop

"Did I get anything out of workshop?" a Topeka Seabrook friend ejaculated. "Oh, Betty, I got so much I don't know where to begin talking. Sunday I tried telling that story about the sled to my five year olds. (I had thirteen of them in the church kitchen — not even a place for all to sit down.) I told the story with all the motions that the Wichita lady used. You could have heard a pin drop. You know I think kids are so tired of us just standing and talking to them.

"And the Kansas City woman put me on the right track about what to do with the children's books. I had been passing them around and having them look at the pictures while I talked.

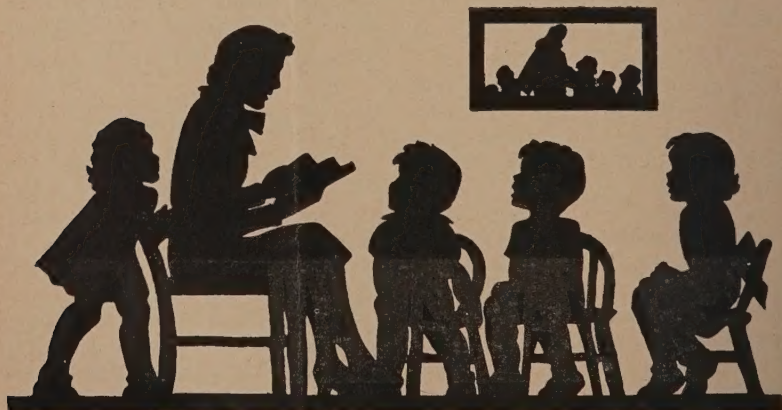
"Do you remember the sequence of scenes in the story Mildred Widber had us dramatize that first day? I want to try it with the Junior High Pilgrim Fellowship Sunday night. I

would never have had the courage to try anything like that if I hadn't seen it done in workshop.

Conversations like this are undoubtedly going on all over the state in every church that sent delegates to the Statewide Leadership Workshop held at Topeka First April 14, 15, 16. There were 56 people from 17 different churches and all but 6 of them were laymen or women.

At the final evaluation session delegates expressed a desire for a similar workshop to be held each year with one-day institute closer to home. They expressed appreciation for the superior departmental lay leadership from our churches in the state. Delegates were emphatic in their praise of Mildred Widber, who brought to every session humor without sarcasm, clarity without coolness, depth without somberness.

—Mrs. Charles (Betty) Graves
Topeka Central



Expression of Appreciation

We are deeply grateful for support and leadership so generously given for the Statewide Leadership Workshop by Mrs. Alton Haun, Topeka Seabrook; Mrs. Fay Duffin, Kansas City Rosedale; Mrs. T. A. Howell, Wichita Fairmount; Mrs. C. E. George-son, Lenora; Mrs. Heinz Schwarz, Blue Mound. Others were Mrs. Ray C. Jones, Topeka First; Mrs. F. C. Lanning, Manhattan, and Mrs. G. Waldo Crippen, Milford. Mrs. Fred Morns, Miss Geraldine Gregg, and Mr. Wm. Burns, Topeka.

Pictures Needed

Miss Frances Eastman, Editor of Children's Religion, 14 Beacon Street., Boston, Mass. has requested "Before and After" pictures for a forthcoming issue of Our Church Building. The purpose is to show how better provision for Christian Education has been made possible through remodeling. Churches having remodeling programs underway are requested to have pictures made and sent to Miss Eastman. She will pay for the cost of such pictures. Churches who have such pictures are urged to send them in. Be sure to give the exact name of your church and a brief account when sending in pictures. Explain that they are "before and after" pictures which she requested through the State Conference Office. She needs the pictures before February 1, 1954.

Pilgrim Series Previews

Churches who have received the questionnaire from the Division of Christian Education regarding Pilgrim Series are urged to cooperate in completing it. While it does involve a good deal of detail it will be a very worthwhile experience with the

group. This is very important in helping those who are responsible for planning curriculum and other phases of our total Christian Education program.

Visual Aids for

**Vacation Church School
Life of Christ (slides) — Wood
2000 Years Ago Series (6 filmstrips)**

Home, Day's Work, School, Travel-ers, Synagogue.

Esa: Little Boy of Nazareth
(slides)

Kembo: Little Girl of Africa
(slides)

God Gave Me Eyes (slides)
Available from Conference Office.

Sunday Around the World

This is a new color filmstrip showing children of many lands as they sing, learn, pray, give, and help — both in their churches and at home. It is especially designed for missionary education. The script is written by Grace Storms. It is suitable for boys and girls 6-14 years of age. Available from Conference Office.

1953 Adventures in Reading

An excellent listing of new books in five major fields. There is a supply available from Conference Office. Price is 2 cents or \$1.75 a hundred.

List of Conference A-V Materials

If you do not have a listing of audio-visual materials which are available from the Conference just for payment of postage (both ways), be sure to request one. These have been sent previously to every church but with changes in personnel these lists are misplaced.

Children's Day Envelopes Available

The Conference Office has a supply of offering envelopes available for this special day. This is an important offering which is given to support Student Summer Service work.



Milford Church

The Crippen's at Milford

How many times have we said that if we had a dozen parsonage couples like Waldo and Myra Crippen, we would not be troubled with marginal churches. There is proof of Waldo Crippen's service motivation on entering the ministry in the fact that he left a teaching position at Washburn University which paid twice the salary he received in his first church.

After five years at Carbondale, the Crippen's took over leadership at Milford Congregational Church in 1946. In the past five years improvements to the church and parsonage property have been numerous. The building has been covered with asbestos shingles adding much to its appearance and safety. New wiring has been installed, a new oil burner placed in the furnace and the windows repaired. The church basement has been completely redecorated, new water heater and range purchased for the kitchen and the furniture in Beginners and Primary departments repainted. The church grounds have been landscaped. A new roof, new interior decoration and new water heater have put the parsonage in good condition.

But important as these material improvements have been, they are very minor when compared with the uplift and improvements which have taken

place in the lives of people. The children and young people of the community lovingly call them "Aunt Bunny" and "Uncle Toad." Their home is a haven of joy, fellowship and culture to young and old. Their Hammond organ and piano are shared with others. Their latch string hangs out to all who need counsel in joy or sorrow.

Being great lovers of animals and nature, each year they help the Pilgrim Fellowship stage a "Pet Parade." Proceeds help pay their missionary action pledge and help on expenses of large delegations to Camp Wa-Shun-Ga.

Their sweet example of Christian living will long be remembered in every church and community touched by their service motivated leadership. 'O friendly pals, my guides in youthful years,

When boyhood's heart was filled with hopes and fears, . . .

You knew and turned toward God
The call of fame, the will to win,
the love

Of youth for maid, the loyalty to group,

Sports, studies, eagerness to serve a cause

The quest for understanding nature's laws

O friendly pals, guides on life's highway.

Thy spirit increase from day to day!"



Milford Parsonage



Ponderosa Lodge at La Foret

KANSAS AT LA FORET

Pastors' School

A time for study and recreation is made possible for the ministers of our fellowship every five years at the La Foret Pastors' School. This year the dates for the school are July 8 to August 5. Sponsored by the Board of Home Missions, this rare experience is made available at a cost of only \$15.00 to each minister.

Highlights in leadership this year are Dr. Allen G. Wehrli and Dr. Wilhelm Pauck. Dr. Stanley U. North will again be Dean of the School. Already enrolled are the Rev. A. A. Van Sickle of Dover and the Rev. James I. McConnell of Seneca. Any others interested should contact the Conference office at once.

Family Camp

For the first time La Foret is sponsoring a camp which will include the entire family, June 28-July 5. It is open to families from churches in our Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska Conferences.

The Rev. James C. Mead, Toledo, O., will be the director. He is well qualified through many years of experience in family camps. The cost for the week for the entire family, regardless of size, is \$75.00. The camp purpose is for the Enrichment of Family Living. Application blanks are available from Conference office. Registrations must be in by June 1.

Leadership Workshop

August 5-9 are the dates of the workshop for church school workers. Special emphasis this year will be on Church History, music, worship, visual aids and administration. Dr. Eisenach of Yankton and Miss Grace Storms, Division of Christian Education, will be members of the leadership staff. Total cost will be \$15.00; children 3 to 5 years \$7.50. Children's Village offers an excellent program for children. All children must be over 3 years of age.

News From Here And There

Spring Breathers

A number of our ministers were able to get away for a few days following the busy Easter season.

Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Dull of Topeka Seaman spent ten days with their daughter and family, the Heryfords of Dallas. They reported a wonderful time resting, visiting, repairing toys, etc.

Rev. and Mrs. Ray Carlton Jones of Topeka First took three days away for a little rest and sunshine on Lake of the Ozarks.

The Zoppel's of Wichita Pilgrim were away for a few days visiting churches in Oklahoma and Texas and resting a bit.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles W. Helsley of Topeka spent a week in the Ozarks of Arkansas.

Rev. and Mrs. Elmer E. Erickson of Topeka Seabrook spent two weeks for a trip to visit the Charles Erickson family at Demarest, Georgia.

Ellis

On Easter Saturday 45 children enjoyed an Easter egg hunt and picnic. Easter Sunday saw the largest attendance in the history of the church and an offering of \$500.00 to complete payment of a Church Building Loan. Eight new members were added during the season.

Whitewater

Eleven members were received at Easter time making a total of 38 since the Rev. Mr. Poppe came to the church. The basement ceiling which fell some weeks ago has been repaired.

Laymen's Lenten Luncheon

This second annual event at Russell was a huge success with 85 men present. It was held on Wednesday of Holy Week. Men were urged to come in their working clothes and were guaranteed dismissal by 1 P.M. A men's quartet sang and the Rev. Hans Poppe spoke on "Men and the Man." Russell took in 55 new members during Lent.

Brewsters Received

A church reception on March 1 welcomed the Brewster's and Mrs. A. E. Holt to the Congregational Church at Yankton, South Dakota. On March 29 a Recognition Service was held.

Stanley

A Candlelight Vesper was given at Stanley on Easter evening, portraying the events of Holy week thru slides and music. Mrs. Cecil Justice was in charge of the program. The Rev. W. P. Ames of Lawrence is supplying the Stanley Church.

Kansas City Rosedale

Easter at Rosedale began with a Pilgrim Fellowship service and breakfast. Almost 400 attended the two morning worship services. Fifteen were received into membership and four children received holy baptism.

Seneca

Young couples sponsored an Easter worship service and breakfast at the Community House with ten couples from the Centralia Young Adult Class as guests.

Our Christian World Mission

KANSAS GIVING — To April 27, 1953

Church	1953 O.C.W.M. Quota	Paid	Paid Second Mile	Church	1953 O.C.W.M. Quota	Paid	Paid Second Mile
*Almena . . . \$	375.00	\$	87.50	\$	Matfield Gr.	50.00	.....
*Anthony . . .	300.00	75.00	71.08	**Milford . . .	300.00	150.00	15.00
*Athol . . .	100.00	25.00	.....	*Mount Hope	500.00	250.00	20.15
*Carbondale . .	100.00	25.00	35.00	Muscotah . . .	150.00	.....	.....
*Centralia . . .	300.00	75.00	29.75	Neola . . .	.....	.....	.....
Coun. Grove . .	300.00	.....	.....	Newton . . .	500.00	50.00	33.00
*Cumberland . .	20.00	5.00	.....	Olive Hill . . .	100.00	.....	19.61
Dover . . .	75.00	75.00	24.55	Onaga . . .	300.00	150.00	.....
Downs . . .	250.00	62.50	40.15	Oronoque . . .	50.00	.....	.....
*Ellis . . .	300.00	75.00	.....	*Osborne . . .	860.00	430.00	.....
Emporia 1st . .	1,400.00	375.00	170.61	*Ottawa . . .	500.00	125.00	83.50
* Sardis . . .	200.00	50.00	55.56	*Partridge . . .	400.00	400.00	221.00
*Eureka . . .	500.00	125.00	119.58	*Pleas't Hill . .	80.00	20.00	20.00
*Ford . . .	510.00	100.00	79.00	*Pleas't Home	600.00	150.00	340.50
*Garden City . .	1,200.00	300.00	.....	Plevna . . .	120.00	60.00	.....
Garfield . . .	150.00	.....	17.50	Russell . . .	500.00	125.00	64.12
Gaylord . . .	100.00	12.07	20.20	*Sabetha . . .	1,600.00	400.00	154.25
*Gorham . . .	.....	.....	21.50	Sedgwick . . .	200.00	50.00	17.25
*Great Bend . .	2,000.00	500.01	82.60	Seneca . . .	150.00	.....	.....
*Haven . . .	300.00	75.00	60.10	*Smith Cent. . .	150.00	37.50	.....
Hiawatha . . .	80.00	20.00	.....	*Stanley . . .	400.00	200.00	51.00
*Hutchinson . .	500.00	150.00	139.96	St. Marys . . .	50.00	.....	15.50
*Independence . .	200.00	100.00	75.00	*Stockton . . .	300.00	.....	.....
Kansas City . .	.....	.....	.....	Tonganoxie . . .	300.00	75.00	.....
* 1st Pilg. . . .	600.00	150.00	6.00	Topeka . . .	.....	.....	.....
* Pr. Village . .	1,400.00	422.12	83.30	Central . . .	3,300.00	825.00	316.75
Rosedale . . .	400.00	100.00	50.00	* First . . .	2,450.00	816.67	323.10
* Ruby . . .	500.00	166.66	77.00	Seabrook . . .	400.00	.....	.....
* Welborn . . .	1,200.00	600.00	86.50	* Seaman . . .	1,000.00	428.00	108.00
Kinsley . . .	500.00	.....	39.75	*Towanda . . .	100.00	.....	.....
Kiowa . . .	200.00	100.00	.....	Udall . . .	75.00	18.25	.....
Kirwin . . .	50.00	25.00	10.00	Wakefield . . .	300.00	75.00	17.19
Lawrence Ply. .	4,600.00	1,523.32	324.08	*Wheaton . . .	150.00	37.50	3.50
*Leavenworth . .	365.00	125.00	7.67	*Whitewater . .	1,200.00	149.73	66.22
*Lenora . . .	300.00	300.00	.....	Wichita . . .	.....	.....	.....
Leona . . .	50.00	.....	.....	* Fairm't . . .	2,400.00	800.00	34.50
Lincoln . . .	100.00	25.00	25.00	Pilgrim . . .	900.00	.....	29.75
Little River . .	200.00	200.00	40.06	* Plym'th . . .	6,050.00	2,525.00	944.63
*McPherson . . .	1,000.00	500.00	181.10	Blue Mound . . .	.....	.....	40.65
*Maize . . .	150.00	150.00	21.43	Wichita . . .	.....	.....	.....
*Manhattan . . .	1,620.00	648.00	.....	Planeview . . .	.....	.....	34.58
**Maple Hill . .	400.00	50.00	12.61				
Mound City . .	25.00	.....	29.30				

* Designates Per Capita is Paid.

McPherson

On April 12 the church voted to purchase a new parsonage. An option was taken on a much more adequate house and the trustees were given authority to proceed towards its purchase. Twelve new members were received on Maundy Thursday when Communion was held in Fellowship Hall where the tables were arranged in the form of a cross. Mrs. A. H. Bartter, wife of our McPherson minister underwent surgery in Wichita soon after Easter but is getting along nicely. On three successive Wednesday evenings this winter the Bartter's held "Open House" featuring different interests and hobbies. Each one who came was urged to bring something to share with the others. Very worthwhile evenings resulted.

Prairie Village

Almost four hundred people attended the three services held on Easter Sunday, but the Rev. C. Fosberg Hughes looks forward to the day when enlarged plant will take care of the crowd in two services. Fourteen adults and a class of seven boys were received into membership of the church. The

Minute Men of the church will observe Ladies' Night on May 19 when the Rev. Oscar Bonny of the Rosedale Congregational Church will tell the fascinating story of his life.

Towanda

Special Holy Week services were observed. The minister the Rev. John H. Jones reports an attendance on Easter of more than twice the membership of the church. Sixteen new members were received.

Newton's Men's Club

Sponsored by the Men's Club a very enthusiastic group of 11 Boy Scouts with their leaders are renovating several basement rooms for their meeting place. The committee in charge includes: Brad Winans, Joe Davison, John Cottingham, Earl Sheets, and John D. Davidson.

Maple Hill

At Maple Hill under the leadership of the Rev. Harald Wisegarver 450 attended the three services, 173 at Sunrise Holy Communion on the hillside, 144 at Morning Worship and 133 at Church School. Nine new members were received into the church.